

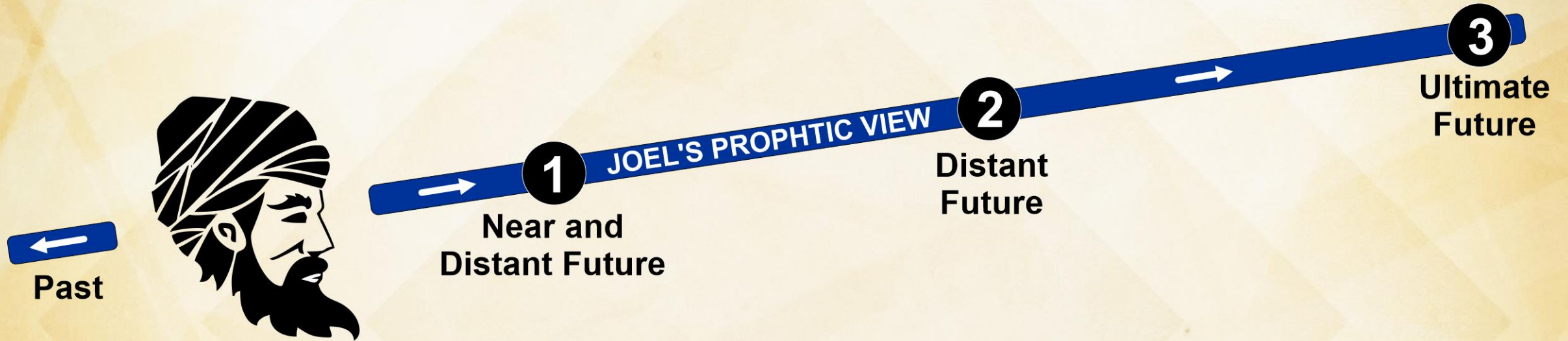
JOEL



2:18-32

DELIVERED FROM DESTRUCTION

JOEL'S VIEW OF PROPHECY



JOEL AND "THE DAY OF THE LORD"

1:1-20	2:1-11	2:12-17	2:18-27	2:28-3:21
<i>Past: Day of the Lord</i>	<i>Near Future: Day of the Lord</i>	<i>Renewed Call to Repentance</i>	<i>Ultimate Future: Day of the Lord</i>	<i>Ultimate Future: Day of the Lord</i>
Recent locust event	The Human Invasion of Babylon (605; 597; and 586BC)	God's offer is real if they would repent	Another Human Invasion during Daniel's 70th Week	Millennial Kingdom blessings for Israel and the World

BOOK OF JOEL OUTLINE

1	Historical: Day of the Lord Contemporary to Joel's day DOTL judgment (Jl.1:15)	Experienced	Jl.1:1-20
2	Transitional: Day of the Lord Transition from historical locust judgment to eschatological DOTL (Jl.2:1, 11)	Illustrated	2:1:17
3	Eschatological: Day of the Lord Eschatological hope assuring God's people of His presence (Jl.2:27; 3:17, 21)	Described	2:18-3:21



Return to the Lord

(Joel 2:12-17)

The Lord Had Pity

(Joel 2:18-27)

ESCHATOLOGICAL DOTL



There is an interval of time between Joel 2:17 and 18 in which Israel repented.



The result of their repentance is restoration in three areas:

- Physical Restoration (2:21-27)**
- Spiritual Restoration (2:28-32)**
- National Restoration (3:1-21)**



The issues of physical, spiritual, and national were addressed in Joel 1:1-2:17.



**Then the LORD
will be zealous
for His land, And
pity His people.**

JOEL 2:18





**“Then the LORD will be zealous for His land,
And pity His people.” (Jl.2:18)**



- **Verse 18 provides a general statement about the action of God with specific detail to follow.**
- **Notice the time-word “Then.” He is moving the narrative into the future.**
- **Between verse 17 and 18 there is an interval of time in which Israel repents.**
- **God's zeal and pity are then turned **FOR** His people, no longer **AGAINST**. Zealous is a love word.**



**The LORD will answer and say
to His people, "Behold, I will
send you grain and new wine
and oil, And you will be satisfied
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JOEL 2:19





“The LORD will answer and say to His people, “Behold, I will send you grain and new wine and oil, And you will be satisfied by them; I will no longer make you a reproach among the nations.” (Jl.2:19)


- **God promised to restore material prosperity to a repentant Israel.**
- **God will restore the people and land resulting in Israel knowing He is the Lord (v.27).**
- **YHWH hears Israel's repentant prayer and promises to restore, protect, and never again allow His people to be a reproach among the nations!**



"But I will remove far from you the northern army, And will drive him away into a barren and desolate land, With his face toward the eastern sea And his back toward the western sea; His stench will come up, And his foul odor will rise, Because he has done monstrous things."

JOEL 2:20





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- God promised to defeat the mighty army from the north. This suggests a literal army of people is in view, not locusts.**
- The army is likely the army in Jl.3:9, 12; Da.11:40; Ek.38:6, 15; 39:2 and Zc.14:2, and is future.**
- The eastern sea is the Dead Sea (some say, Sea of Galilee), and the western sea is the Mediterranean Sea.**
- The stench of remaining unburied dead bodies will rise up. This northern army is the 4th kingdom of Daniel.**



**Fear not, O land; Be glad
and rejoice, For the LORD
has done marvelous things!**

 **JOEL 2:21**





“Fear not, O land; Be glad and rejoice, For the LORD has done marvelous things!” (Jl.2:21)



- **Some see Joel 2:21-27 as addressing the details of the current (Joel's day) agricultural situation. Then Joel 2:28-32 looks more at the future eschatological Day of the Lord.**
- **Joel looks forward to the restoration that God has promised.**



Do not be afraid, you beasts of the field; For the open pastures are springing up, And the tree bears its fruit; The fig tree and the vine yield their strength.

 **JOEL 2:22**





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- **With the former situation being reversed, the animals were admonished to no longer be afraid.**
- **With the eye of faith, Joel can already see it happening (“pastures are springing up”).**



**Be glad then, you children of Zion,
And rejoice in the LORD your God;
For He has given you the former
rain faithfully, And He will cause
the rain to come down for you—
The former rain, And the latter
rain in the first month.**

JOEL 2:23





“Be glad then, you children of Zion, And rejoice in the LORD your God; For He has given you the former rain faithfully, And He will cause the rain to come down for you— The former rain, And the latter rain in the first month.” (Jl.2:23)

- The “rain” is literal (H₂O) rain from the sky to renew the land.**



- The “children of Zion” are the people of the southern kingdom where Zion is located.**



FORMER & LATTER RAIN

(Du.11:14; Ho.6:3; Jl.2:23; Ja.5:7)

- Ancient Israel had no irrigation system, and relied on rain to water their crops.
- In a time of drought, nothing grew.
- The 'former rain' (Oct-Dec) prepares the seed-bed and assist germination, and the 'latter rain' (Mar-May) provides moisture for the grain and fruit to grow full.



FORMER RAIN MOVEMENT

Started in 1948 by William Branham (1909-1965)

His protege was Oral Roberts (1918-2009)

(Joel's Army)

STRANGE AND ABERRANT DOCTRINE & PRACTICES

1. Emphasis on signs as marks of true revival
2. Replacement theology (replacing Israel with the Church)
3. Dominion theology (church will conquer and rule the world)
4. Elitist attitude of 'superchristians'
5. Strong emphasis on unity (Ecumenical Movement)

**The threshing floors shall
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vats shall overflow with
new wine and oil.**

 **JOEL 2:24**





“The threshing floors shall be full of wheat, And the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil.” (Jl.2:24)





- **When God restores these rains, Israel will have full threshing floors and wine vats.**
- **Floors refer to the places where the grain was beaten out of the husk and the chaff separated from the kernel by the wind.**
- **The vats are the tubs into which grapes were placed so that the juice could be pressed out.**



**So I will restore to you the
years that the swarming locust
has eaten, The crawling locust,
The consuming locust, And the
chewing locust, My great army
which I sent among you.**

 **JOEL 2:25**





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- God promises not only to forgive sin, but to provide as if the locust and cankerworm had never settled upon their lives.**
- You cannot get back your time; but there is a strange and wonderful way in which God can give back to you the wasted blessings.**



You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, And praise the name of the LORD your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you; And My people shall never be put to shame.

 **JOEL 2:26**





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- **At that time there will be a fulfillment of all the physical blessings which God has promised to the nation Israel.**
- **The blessings in the Old Testament were largely physical blessings.**
- **The blessings God promised to the church are spiritual blessings only (Ep.5:23).**



**Then you shall know that I
am in the midst of Israel: I
am the LORD your God And
there is no other. My people
shall never be put to shame.**

 **JOEL 2:27**





“Then you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel: I am the LORD your God And there is no other. My people shall never be put to shame. The Lord Will Pour Out His Spirit” (Jl.2:27)

- **That they will “never be put to shame” is an absolute statement that could only be fulfilled in the far future.**
- **“I am in the midst of Israel” is a reversal of the Lord's departure (Ek.8-11, the glory has departed)**







**The Lord
Will Pour Out
His Spirit**

(Joel 2:28-32)

**And it shall come to pass
afterward That I will pour out
My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons
and your daughters shall
prophesy, Your old men shall
dream dreams, Your young men
shall see visions.**

JOEL 2:28







““And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, our old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions.” (Jl.2:28)

- **After the restoration Joel spoke of previously in the chapter, there will come a time of ultimate restoration and blessing.**
- **This latter time will be marked by an outpouring of God’s Spirit on all flesh - not only selected men at selected times for selected duties.**
- **Since the context is “your sons and your daughters,” “all flesh” best refers to Israel only.**





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- **The future theme of the Lord pouring out His Spirit is clear (Is.32:15; Ek.36:27-28; 37:14; 39:29; Zc.12:10). We will see a great number of the sons of Abraham come to faith.**
- **On the Day of Pentecost, the prophecy of Joel was quoted and used to illustrate what will still happen in the future (Ac.2:14-21).**



¹⁴But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words.

¹⁵For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.

¹⁶But this is what was spoken by the prophet

Joel:

ACTS 2:14-16



¹⁷AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS IN THE LAST DAYS, SAYS GOD, THAT I WILL POUR OUT OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL FLESH; YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY, YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS. ¹⁸AND ON MY MENSERVANTS AND ON MY MAIDSERVANTS I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT IN THOSE DAYS; AND THEY SHALL PROPHECY.

ACTS 2:17-18



¹⁹I WILL SHOW WONDERS IN HEAVEN ABOVE AND SIGNS IN THE EARTH BENEATH: BLOOD AND FIRE AND VAPOR OF SMOKE. ²⁰THE SUN SHALL BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS, AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD, BEFORE THE COMING OF THE GREAT AND AWESOME DAY OF THE LORD. ²¹AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS THAT WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED.'

ACTS 2:19-21



JOEL 2:28-32

AC.2:14-21

CHURCH BEGINNING

“LAST

DAYS”

THE CHURCH

CHURCH ENDING

RV.6:13-17

PENTECOST

DAY OF THE LORD

JOEL 2 & ACTS 2 COMPARED

Joel 2:28-32 — PREDICTIONS

“afterward” (Jl.2:28)

- ① “I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh” (Jl.2:28)
- ② “Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy” (Jl.2:28)
- ③ “Your old men shall dream dreams” (Jl.2:28)
- ④ “Your young men shall see visions” (Jl.2:28)
- ⑤ “on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days” (Jl.2:29)
- ⑥ “I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke” (Jl.2:30)
- ⑦ “The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD” (Jl.2:31)
- ⑧ “whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved” (Jl.2:32)
- ⑨ “For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As the LORD has said, Among the remnant whom the LORD calls” (Jl.2:32)

Acts 2:1-21 — ACTUAL EVENTS

“But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel.” (Ac.2:16)

- ① “Filled with the Holy Spirit” (Ac.2:4)
- ② “Everyone heard them speak in his own language” (Ac.2:6)

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- Of all the signs given in Joel, tongues was NOT a sign of the coming age.
 - It was a sign of coming divine judgment for the nation Israel (1Co.14:21-22; cf., Is.28:11). Why? Because the nation had rejected her Messiah.
 - The pouring out of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost was merely a preview of the Spirit's power and work to be released fully and finally in the Messiah's kingdom after the Day of the Lord.

**And also on My menservants
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JOEL 2:29





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- The work of the ministry belongs to the people, not the “professionals.”**
- It is because the ministry belongs to all Christians that God has appointed offices and ministries to equip every saint to fulfill their role.**



**"And I will show wonders
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JOEL 2:30





“And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke.” (Jl.2:30)

- **Unmistakable heavenly phenomena will signal the arrival of God's wrath in the Day of the Lord.**



**The sun shall be turned into
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JOEL 2:31



**And it shall come to pass That
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- Whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved, no matter what nation they come from.**
- A future remnant of Jews will inherit God's promised blessings (Is.10:20-22; 11:11, 16; Je.31:7; Mi.2:12; Zp.3:13; Ro.9:27).**



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JOEL 2:30-31



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JOEL 2:30-31

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SIGNS



SUN



MOON



STARS

**SIGN That the DOTL
is About to Start**

2

DOTL

THE

DAY

LORD

OF THE

Is.13:6-10

Ek.30:3

Jl.1:15; 2:11

Am.5:18

Zc.14:1

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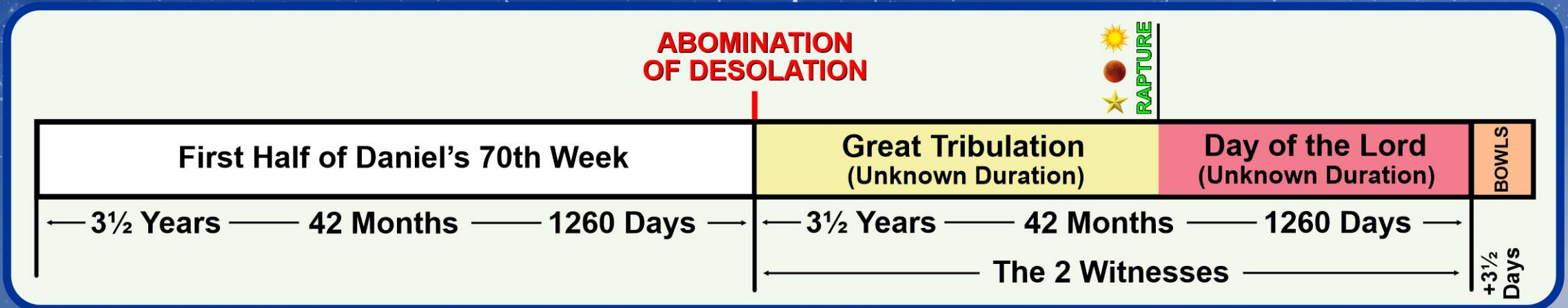


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TIMING — 2 WITNESSES

- The 2 witnesses (Elijah) appears before the start of the Day of the Lord.
 - The 2 witnesses will minister for 3 1/2 years and then will be killed by the AC.
 - Daniel's 70th Week is divided into two halves of 3 1/2 years.
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- **PRE-TRIB PROBLEM:** If the whole 7 year period of Daniel's 70th Week is the DOTL then the 2 witnesses must minister during the first 3 1/2 year period.
 - That would make the 2 witnesses minister before the AC is revealed in the middle of the Week.
 - How does that work since the AC is the one who has the 2 witnesses killed?



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³Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, ⁴who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

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²For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. ³For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

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TRIBULATION AND WRATH ARE NOT THE SAME

The Tribulation period and God's wrath are two different things. People tend to confuse the Tribulation period with the wrath of God. Scripture does not promise believers protection from the Tribulation period. However, we have been promised protection from God's wrath (1Th.1:10).

1 POINT 1

✦ Matthew 24:29 tells us the **sun and moon event** is AFTER the **Tribulation**.



"Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken" (Mt.24:29)



2 POINT 2

✦ Revelation 6:16-17 tells us the **Wrath** of God is AFTER the **sun and moon event**.



"¹²And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood... ¹⁶And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: ¹⁷For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" (Rv.6:12, 16-17)



"³⁰And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. ³¹The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come." (Jl.2:30-31)



= SUMMARY

✦ The **Tribulation** and God's **Wrath** cannot cover the same timeframe.



If number 2 is after number 1, and number 3 is after number 2, then number 1 and number 3 are not the same.